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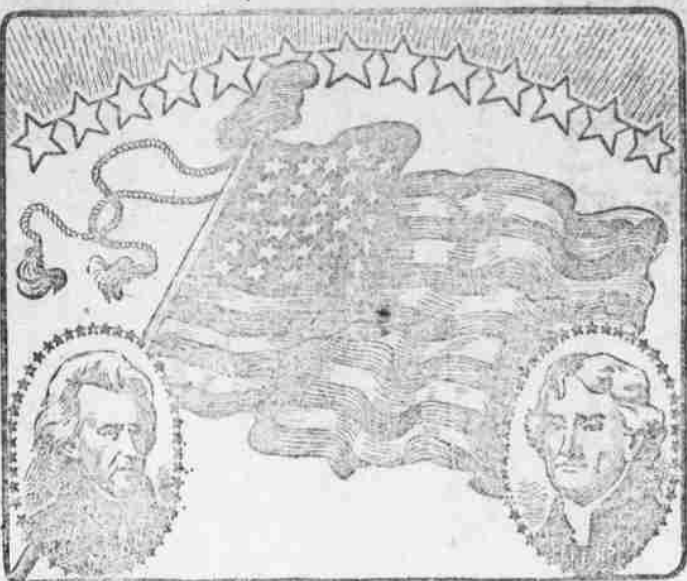
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The columns of this press are always free
to the people of the county for the discussion
of questions of local interest.



"Stand for the Flag and What It Stands For—Freedom for All."

CONGRESSMAN VANMETER has again placed us under obligations for favors.

As a hero, Dewey is the real thing, but as a presidential candidate he seems to have gotten off against something.

HON. G. T. LEE carried Wayne county in the contest, which came off last Saturday, for the delegation to the national convention.

Fine swept over Ottawa, Ontario, last Thursday and destroyed property valued at \$15,000,000 and rendered 20,000 persons homeless.

The third district democratic congressional committee met at Desoto last Thursday and until the work done by them on March 22 and ordered a delegate convention, to be held at Desoto, July 25, to nominate candidates for congress.

It is astonishing to read the news from famine-stricken India where it is said hundreds are dying daily from starvation while the British government goes on spending the millions in subsidizing and exterminating others that should be used to feed her starving subjects.

CONGRESSMAN VANMETER's fine parliamentary skill knocked out the robbing armor plate clause from the naval bill appropriation, but the servants of the trusts in the senate will re-insert it when the measure gets before that body.—Kansas City Times.

Is exchequer clerk of Montana, and Quay, of Pennsylvania, the United States Senate pursued the proper course, and it will certainly be commended by the people. To have allowed either a seat, would have been resigning in an intolerant and a bad precedent. The election of United States Senators by popular vote would, at least, remove some of the evils becoming so prevalent.

Why not organize a stock company and do some prospecting in Bollinger county? Other counties around us are finding good prospects of Lead and Zinc and the time appears close at hand when our county will be prospered. Why not have it done with home enterprise and capital. Good specimens of ore have been found in different parts of the county and there are many reasons to believe that our hills possess good bodies of mineral inviting development.

The Democrats are thoroughly at sea as to who will be nominated for Bryan's running mate.—Bloomfield Cosmos.

The difference between Bryan and McKinley is that McKinley is trying to find a running mate that will carry him; while Bryan is a whole team by himself and will be carried by the people.—Oregon South Missourian.

Revenue Tax Reform.
The United States supreme court has just decided that express companies are not liable for the revenue taxes, but that the expenses must be borne by the customers.

Thus, says the Atlanta Constitution, on every side, it is the poor people of the country who have the tax to pay. The bill is so framed that it burdens fall exclusively on those least able to bear it, while the great moneyed institutions feel no inconvenience from it whatever. The decision simply gives to the express companies the same immunity which already belongs to all other large companies, which is only just to it.

But why should these stamp taxes be retained? The occasion as well as the necessity for their imposition has passed by, and they now remain simply as a means of building up a large surplus in the treasury. The very fact that their burdens fall upon the weakest part of the population renders a movement for their repeal difficult. It is a tax which begins at the cradle and at the grave, which builds up dangerous surplus in the treasury inviting extravagance, and, for the good of the country, should be abolished altogether.

George Vest.
The familiarity of the title of this article is an endearing one, says the Kansas City Times. George Vest, the true-hearted, the chivalrous, the honest, the eloquent and fearless tribune of the people, has done just what should have been expected of him. A personal friend and old time companion of Matthew S. Quay it was said that he would from considerations of friendship vote for his retention as senator or would about himself from the senate when the roll was called.

But George Vestman was not

he is the personal representative of the president as well as his chief political adviser and director, and that the platform he presented to be ratified by the Columbus convention was substantially the platform that is to be adopted at Philadelphia and on which Mr. McKinley will stand for re-election.

Contempt For The People.
The Hannate administration, says the National Watchman, holds the mass of the American people in contempt. It has contempt for their intelligence, contempt for their conscience, and expects to perpetuate itself in power by the payment to different henchmen of sums of money or appointments to office. If it were not for the Porto Rican bill would not have been passed, neither would the administration stand as the defender of trusts and Congress have upon its calendar only measures to take from the people their substance, to be given in the form of subsidies to corporations, or for the still worse purpose of fighting wars of conquest and spoliation.

They prate loudly about the extension of trade and of trade following the flag, while we have just planted the flag in Porto Rico, extended our navigation and coasting laws to that island and put up a tariff against trade to enable the trust barons to add to their profits. The government maintains a tariff upon iron and steel products and allows a trust to fleece the men who would fence the prairies and add to the wealth of the nation and multiply American homes. It maintains a tariff against paper, and wood pulp, and permits the paper trust to raise the price of paper 50 per cent as they have during the past four months which must result soon in increasing the price of every newspaper in the land and shut out the light upon public questions from the homes of the poor. It maintains a tariff against lumber in order that the lumber barons may decimate and destroy the American forests while they plunder the American people and prevent the poor homesteaders from building a roof over their head or providing a shelter for their cattle.

This government is a people's government, and the people still possess the power to correct every abuse and remove every obstacle to their progress, development and prosperity. Heretofore in the name of building up infant industries, under the plea that it was necessary that we should become a self-supporting nation the people have granted these extortionate tariffs, and freely and willingly borne the burdens to develop these industries. Now that these industries have become so great that they are looking into the Orient among the cheapest people in the world for a market, and are undertaking to defy the competition of Europe in that quarter of the globe, they still ask the American people to maintain this high tariff to enable them to continue their extortion in America while they undersell the world Asia. Is not the contempt in which these men hold the great rank and file of the people supreme? Does it not surpass understanding? Our people are partisans. This is not to be disparaged, if they are intelligent and their partisanship does not blind them to their own interests. It is impossible that the interests of a majority of our people can be served without the interests of the whole being served, because a majority embraces every interest that is represented in a minority.

The difficulty with our people is, that we are not only partisans, but that we have deep prejudices that grow out of party antagonisms that stultify our reasoning powers. The men who expect to receive the votes of the people to empower them to plunder society at large, and overturn the government of the fathers, have contempt for the intelligence of the people and believe that when their intelligence is weighed in the scale against their prejudice that their intelligence will kick the beam and that they can depend upon the people voting for the party that is labeled with the label that they have been accustomed to using.

How the Average Jury Decides.
"Gentlemen of the jury, what is your verdict?" asked Squire Peavy, an Arkansas justice of the peace, addressing the twelve moss-grown, but honest citizens who were drawn up in solemn array before him. "Do you find the prisoner at the bar guilty or not guilty?"

"Wa—um—um—Squire," replied the foreman, conservatively, "we have looked the evidence up one side and down the other, so to describe the process, shook and rattled it round considerably, chased the various points here, there and yonder, and as a result we find the

prisoner—er—er—wa'al, kinder sawter, as it were."

"What do you mean by that? Is he guilty, or ain't he?"

"Why, some ways we think he is Squire, and other ways he don't perswade us to be. You see, some of us hold that he shore done it, and others contend that he didn't. Some of us are certain he done it, believe he was right and justified in so doing, and some who feel shore he didn't do it, believe he was mean enough to have done it if he had got half a chance. Then, ag'in one of us who slept through dur'n near the whole of the trial, is perfectly willin' to agree to anything under the sun, jes' so's we get through as soon as possible; and another one who is a kicker on general principals, won't agree to nothin' nor with nobody; he won't even agree to disagree, but immediately switches over to the other side as fast as we try to pin him down to his disagreement in order to find out where he really is at. And, as for me, Squire, I honestly reckon I've worried off ten or eleven pounds of fat tryin' to reconcile all these here contending elements, and yet the best I can do, gittin' 'em together is to bring about the verdict that we, the jury, find the prisoner almost guilty, but solemnly warn him not to do it ag'in. We argued and wrangled, and cussed and dissented, and drawed straws over it, Squire, and by heck! that's the best we can make out to do under the circumstances."

LODGE.
Hear the music of the rain.
Farmers will be late planting corn owing to so much rain.
Quite a number on the sick list this week.

Wheat is looking well in this vicinity. Marcus Howton and wife and their two children are sick of pneumonia fever. Miss Pearl Zimmerman will teach the next term of school in this district. Mrs. F. F. Yount is sick with rose rash.

A good prospect for fruit in this vicinity. Blaise Minter enjoys killing squirrels while the ground is too wet to work. "Grandma" Mouser has been on the sick list a few days.

News is scarce this time so I will close.
NANNIE N.

RUXIE.
Health is good.
Corn planting is in order.
Mr. Bennett of Dry Creek, was delivering fruit trees in our neighborhood this week.

Hale Eaker, our bustling merchant, is doing a good business.
Born—To Randolph James and wife, a 15-pound boy. The mother and child getting along very nicely.

George Day is building a new house for M. S. Gladish.
Merchant Fowler pays cash for chickens.

Noah James set out a large patch of berries.
W. L. Eaker will start peddling soon. Peter Eaker was on our streets Sunday. George Caviness sold a fine mule last week.

Albert Myers, our carpenter, is working at Lutesville now.
James Fowler is running his grist mill now.

UNION RIDGE.
The people are planting corn.
Health is tolerable good at this writing.

E. N. Barks has the school house wood on the ground at this early date. Ed is a hustler.
G. W. Barks lost a good cow last week.

Wyat Snider is working for C. M. Johnson.

Aunt Betsey Tinnin who has been visiting relatives here returned to her home near Marquand last week.

E. E. Barks and Sam Newel made a business trip to Marble Hill last Saturday.

Rev John H. Yount attended the ministerial meeting at Post Oak Chapel.

The young people of this vicinity met and practiced singing at Eli Barks' last Sunday.

Mr. Hoar, the senior Senator from Massachusetts, says that McKinley's colonial policy would ruin the nation as it would rapidly change the U. S. to an empire.

SUPRE.
BUCHANAN.
We had quite a storm last Thursday evening; heaviest rain of the season.

Farm work is progressing slowly on account of recent rains.
Our merchants and mechanics seem to be doing a good business. James Dixon of Zalma was mixing with friends here last Saturday. Jim is all right.

Corbin & Corbin received their shingle machine last Saturday and will run it in connection with their mill.

It is rumored that there will be a change in the management of the stove factory here.

James Gilmore was at Glen Allen last Saturday.

Tom Knuckles has gone to Oklahoma to try his luck farming. We regret to lose him, as he was one of our best citizens.

Tom Killian and Lee Mansker left for parts unknown recently.

Our string band gives music frequently to the delight of our people. Their music is simply immense.

As harvest is near at hand we hear the farmers talking of binder twine and trusts. Twine is said to be worth 15 cents per pound.

MAX ADDLER.
Quay's Threats.
The old proverb that "when republican statesmen fall out honest men get their due" is likely to be thoroughly illustrated in the case of Hanna and Quay.

An honest investigation of the bribery charges against Hanna was prevented by the manifest wish of the Administration. Thereupon Hanna mounted the roost of Senatorial parity, where he has since remained, cackling at intervals and planning sly raids.

Hanna's "holier than thou" attitude defeated Quay. He violated every principle of honor among thieves. He not only fled the scene of combat, but he tied the hands of that old party crusader, Chauncey M. Depew, who would have voted for Quay.

Quay is recovering from the shock and is planning revenge. He proposes to find out something about the Hanna bribery charges. And worse than anything else, from a Hanna point of view, Quay proposes to find out something about the Hanna bribery charges. And worse than anything else, from a Hanna

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